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Title: BRAKE CONTROL FOR A PATIENT  
SUPPORTING WHEELED CARRIAGE

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Serial No.: 10/083 234 Filing Date: February 26, 2002

Inventor(s): Jeffrey C. SHIERY, Stan PALMATIER  
and Jerry WHEELER

Title: LINKAGE FOR LIFT/LOWERING CONTROL  
FOR A PATIENT SUPPORTING PLATFORM

Group: 3673 Examiner: Michael Trettel

The disclosure of this prior parent application, as well as any applications from which this prior application may claim priority, is hereby incorporated by reference.

- [X] This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application. **DELETE** the following inventor named in the prior non-provisional application: Stan PALMATIER.

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